

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 31

NAD Data Roll Up and
Closing Reports for 2017-201
Due

June 1

- * Principal's post planning
- * Principal summer
schedules due to SACOE

June 8 –16

Camp meeting

June 18—July 3

SACOE summer PD
initiatives

August 1

All Teachers Report to
School for Duty

August 6-8

NAD Teachers' Convention—
Chicago

August 11

Education Sabbath &
Teacher Dedication

August 13

First Day of School for 2018-
2019 School Year

August 20

Site-based PD: School Out at
1:00 PM—K-12 Learner
Engagement for Academic
Success

August 20-24

K-8 CBM baseline assess-
ments given

August 23

School billing fees due to
SACOE

August 27

NAD Opening Reports Due

August 30

Status of the Class Reports:
CBM Data Due to SACOE



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From the desk
of the Vice President for
Education

Kim Gaiter, EdS

... ONE MORE THING BEFORE YOU GO!

A demanding but very productive school year has come to a close. Before we breathe a huge sigh of relief and launch into summer break, it is fitting to take a moment or two to reflect on how far we have come and where we are headed.

First, I want to recognize each of you for the dedication, talent, energy and care you bring to your work. Together, we are making a visible difference for our students, families, church, and community. We also pursued initiatives designed to enhance opportunities for our students from music, virtual school, STEM and simply making customer service a part of the fabric of who we are.

This school year, we recommitted ourselves to lifting up Christ—choosing to **MAKE THE MAIN THING - BE THE MAIN THING. What was that main thing again? The answer was and will continue to be preparing our young people for Heaven. Nothing else matters.** This year you were assailed by the enemy on many fronts, but you worked as “unto the Lord”, evangelizing as you taught and modeled Christ, compassion and kindness as you interacted with your students, their families, and the constituencies you serve. What a privilege and honor to be called by God to do this GREAT work! It's not easy, but God is on our side.

Thanks
FOR
PLANTING
THE SEEDS
OF
knowledge.



In ways large and small, each of you has made a positive difference for kids this year. If I haven't had an occasion to express this to you in person, please know that I deeply value your efforts and your commitment. I hope you have an opportunity to rest and re-energize over the summer. Take time to travel, pursue a hobby, enjoy the company of friends and family, and savor the experiences that are rewarding and help you bring new insights to your role in the ministry of education.

For those of you who are retiring after serving for so many years, I wish you the best. You have contributed immensely to the success of our schools. I pray that you have great enjoyment in this next phase of your life.

Have a safe & happy Summer! See you in Chicago. . .

HAPPY
SUMMER
VACATION!



Starry Night

Painting by Vincent van Gogh

All the Stars

Poem by Sandy Patti



My heart goes out to you as you go your way
Take strength, my friend, in all you do
I pray that God will keep you in loving care
And all the stars shine down on you

And should you wake to mornings so cold and gray
I pray the sun comes shining through
May Heaven keep the secrets of all your dreams
And all the stars shine down on you

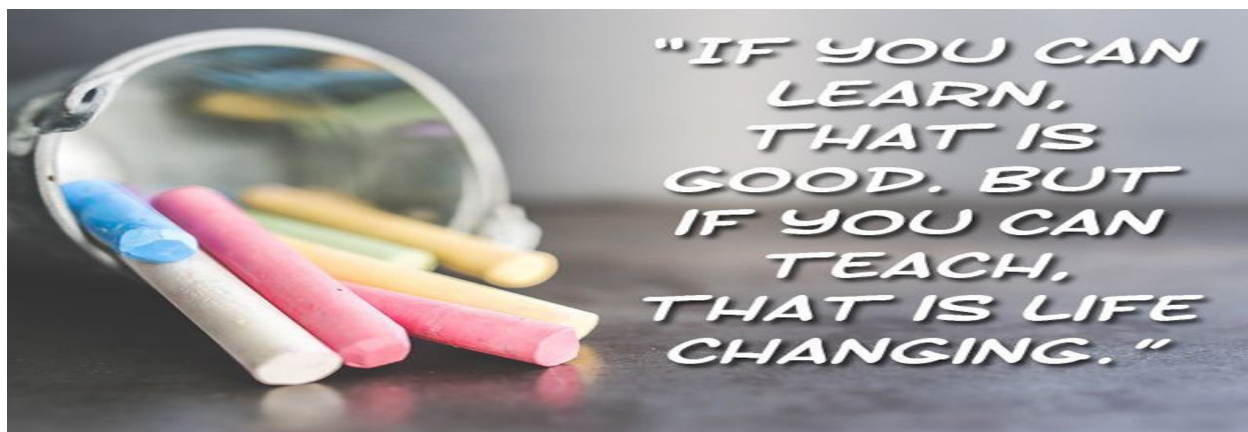
May the road in the distance
Always rise to meet you
And the sun charge the evening
To keep her eye on you

And in the night when birds mourn a lonesome cry
I'll send this song of hope to you
When moonlight casts a blanket of Heaven's glow
Let all the stars shine out for you

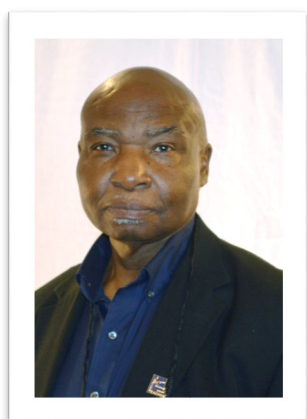
May the wind through the trees whisper words
Of peace to you
And the arms of the forest
Hold you in safe embrace

And as you go, I pray till we meet again
That all the stars shine down on you

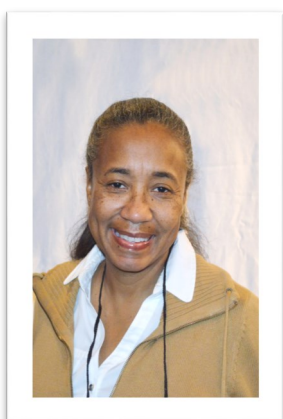
Let all the stars shine their light on you



The South Atlantic Conference wishes to bid a fond farewell and acknowledge the outstanding contribution to education of the following educators who are retiring from the Lord's work:



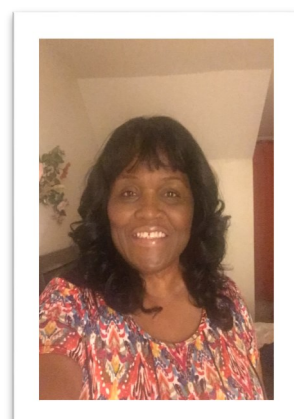
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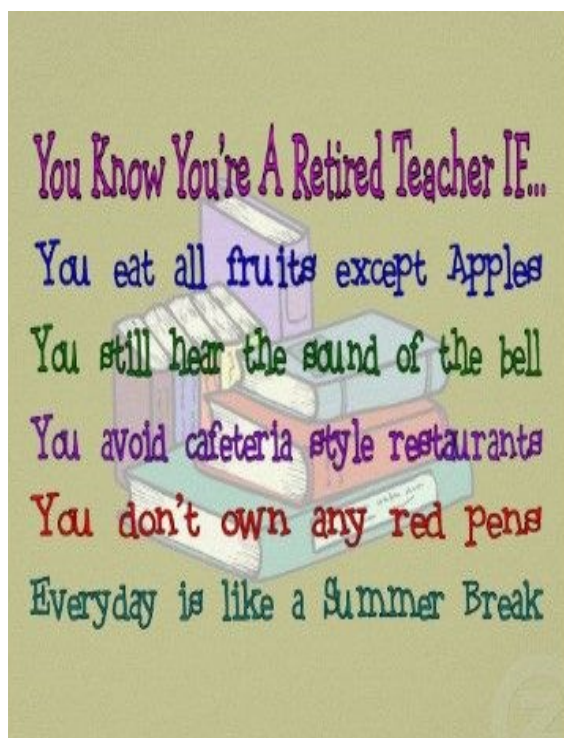
Daphne Johnson



Gasie Mitchell



Janice Stevenson



The teachers jumped out of the windows.
The principal ran for the door.
The nurse and librarian bolted.
They're not coming back anymore.

The counselor, hollering madly,
escaped out the door of the gym.
The coach and custodian shouted
and ran out the door after him.

The lunch ladies threw up their ladles,
then fled from the kitchen in haste,
while all of the students looked puzzled
as staff members scurried and raced.

We'd never seen anything like it.
But, still, it was pretty cool
to see all the staff so excited
to leave on the last day of school.

--Kenn Nesbitt



Economic education is about more than financial literacy. It's also about the larger economic forces that impact everyone's financial circumstances in the present and future. With equity markets as the model, the Stock Market Game™ is designed to give Georgia teachers a tool for showing students how scarcity, trade, opportunity cost, voluntary exchange, price incentive, specialization, productivity, and many other economic concepts play out in financial institutions they hear about in the news almost daily. Unlike real equity markets, the Stock Market Game™ offers students a safe and pain-free place to learn that the lessons of market economics can sometimes be costly.

Teams are given a hypothetical portfolio of \$100,000 that they invest over a 10-week period. The team from each public school district or independent school geographic region with the highest portfolio value at the end of the 10-week trading session wins.

This year, students at Berean Christian Junior Academy (BCJA) in Atlanta, GA, placed first in the State's Spring 2018 Georgia Stock Market Game in both the Independent School-Metro Atlanta School District and Congressional District 5 Middle School Division. The team ended with a portfolio value of \$105,914.78. The five student-team along with their teacher and sponsor, Ms. Marcia Davis, have been invited to the 38th Annual Awards Luncheon at 11:00 am. on Monday, May 7, 2018 at the Egyptian Ballroom of the Fox Theater in Atlanta. There they will receive recognition and awards. Earlier this year, BCJA formed a stock market team, after extensive education and practice with Ms. Davis.

Stock-market and leadership development will be a part of several new activities that BCJA students will engage in next school year. Congratulations Irvin Bishop, III- 1st Place winner, and Cameron Campbell - 2nd Place winner. We also thank the parents, Marcia Davis, and the BCJA local school board for their support.



At the beginning of the school year we challenged each board member and educator to be responsible for growing your school. According to Mzingo and Barron (2015), school growth is not a function of the administration alone. It requires all stakeholders to understand the process and develop the product. It's all about promoting the mission of Christian education, and therefore job security.

Enrollment is the temperature that measures the health of your school. There are several factors impacting the health of your school. So, how well did you grow your school? Remember, the goal is 10% growth, unless you are school with less than 10 students; those schools need to have at least 10 students next year. Declining enrollment is not an option.

Take a moment to sit down with your colleagues and answer these questions honestly about how well you did this year to grow your school.

1. Were there any changes in the economy (employment, housing, etc.) in your community that affected school growth?
2. Did your school experience a strong sense of trust in the leadership of the school (board, principal, and/or teachers)?
3. Did your stakeholders show respect for all the teachers and the academic quality provided?
4. Did your stakeholders feel they had a relationship with the teachers, coaches, peers?
5. Was there a conflict in expectation vs the reality of the experience?
6. Did current or potential parents experience confusion in the identity or branding of the school or campus?
7. Did they school maintain consistent and high quality communication all year long?
8. Is there a perception of better quality options that are not your school?
9. Do all your staff and parent stakeholders have a commitment to the mission brand loyalty of the school and actively market?